

(d) No fiber trademark or generic name shall be used in non-required information on a label in such a manner as to be false, deceptive, or misleading as to fiber content, or to indicate directly or indirectly that a textile fiber product is composed wholly or in part of a particular fiber, when such is not the case.

**§ 303.18 Terms implying fibers not present.**

Words, coined words, symbols or depictions, (a) which constitute or imply the name or designation of a fiber which is not present in the product, (b) which are phonetically similar to the name or designation of such a fiber, or (c) which are only a slight variation of spelling from the name or designation of such a fiber shall not be used in such a manner as to represent or imply that such fiber is present in the product.

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**§ 303.19 Name or other identification required to appear on labels.**

(a) The name required by the Act to be used on labels shall be the name under which the person is doing business. Where a person has a word trademark, used as a house mark, registered in the United States Patent Office, such word trademark may be used on labels in lieu of the name otherwise required: *Provided*, The owner of such word trademark furnishes the Commission a copy of the registration prior to its use. No trademark, trade names, or other names except those provided for above shall be used for required identification purposes.

(b) Registered identification numbers, as provided for in § 303.20 of this part, may be used for identification purposes in lieu of the required name.

**§ 303.20 Registered identification numbers.**

(a) Registered numbers for use as the required identification in lieu of the name on textile fiber product labels, as provided in section 4(b)(3) of the Act, will be issued by the Commission to qualified persons residing in the United

States upon receipt of an application duly executed in the form set out in paragraph (d) of this section.

(b)(1) Registered identification numbers shall be used only by the person or concern to whom they are issued, and such numbers are not transferable or assignable.

(2) Registered identification numbers shall be subject to cancellation whenever any such number was procured or has been used improperly or contrary to the requirements of the Acts administered by the Federal Trade Commission, and regulations promulgated thereunder, or when otherwise deemed necessary in the public interest.

(3) Registered identification numbers shall be subject to cancellation if the Commission fails to receive prompt notification of any change in name, business address, or legal business status of a person or firm to whom a registered identification number has been assigned, by application duly executed in the form set out in paragraph (d) of this section, reflecting the current name, business address, and legal business status of the person or firm.

(c) Registered identification numbers assigned under this section may be used on labels required in labeling products subject to the provisions of the Wool Products Labeling Act and Fur Products Labeling Act, and numbers previously assigned by the Commission under such Acts may be used as and for the required name in labeling under this Act. When so used by the person or firm to whom assigned, the use of the numbers shall be construed as identifying and binding the applicant as fully and in all respects as though assigned under the specific Act for which it is used.

(d) Form to apply for a registered identification number or to update information pertaining to an existing number (the form is available upon request from the Textile Section, Enforcement Division, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580, or on the Internet at <http://www.ftc.gov>):

| APPLICATION FOR A REGISTERED IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ("RN")  |           |   |
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| DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE   |           |   |
| DATE ISSUED: _____   |           | RN: _____   |
| UPDATED: _____   |           | BY: _____   |
| 1. PURPOSE OF APPLICATION. (Both new applicants and update applicants must complete all entries on this form.)   |           |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> APPLY FOR A NEW RN<br><input type="checkbox"/> UPDATE INFORMATION ON AN EXISTING RN. ENTER EXISTING RN NUMBER _____   |           |   |
| 2. LEGAL NAME OF APPLICANT FIRM _____  |           |   |
| 3. NAME UNDER WHICH APPLICANT DOES BUSINESS, IF DIFFERENT FROM LEGAL NAME _____  |           |   |
| 4. TYPE OF COMPANY (If "OTHER" is checked, please state the type of company.)  |           |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PROPRIETORSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> PARTNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> CORPORATION <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____   |           |   |
| 5. ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE OR PLACE OF BUSINESS (Include zip code. Address must be the actual location where business is conducted in the U.S. An additional mailing address or PO box address may also be listed, if desired.)  |           | OPTIONAL INFORMATION<br><br>TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____<br><br>FAX NUMBER: _____<br><br>E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____<br><br>INTERNET URL ADDRESS: _____  |
| 6. TYPE OF BUSINESS (Put an "X" in all the boxes that apply.)  |           |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MANUFACTURING <input type="checkbox"/> IMPORTING <input type="checkbox"/> WHOLESALEING<br><input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Please specify) _____   |           |   |
| 7. LIST PRODUCTS (To qualify for an RN, a company must be engaged in the importation, manufacturing, selling or other marketing of at least one product line subject to the Textile, Wool, or Fur Act.)  |           |   |
| 8. CERTIFICATION   |           |   |
| <p>The products listed in item seven (7) above are subject to one or more of the following Acts: The Textile Fiber Products Identification Act (15 U.S.C. § 70-70k), The Wool Products Labeling Act (15 U.S.C. § 68-68j), or the Fur Products Labeling Act (15 U.S.C. § 69-69k). By filing this form with the Federal Trade Commission, the company named above applies for a registered identification number to use on labels required by these Acts.</p> <p>Under penalty of perjury, I certify that the information supplied on this form is true and correct.</p> |           |   |
| SIGNATURE OF PROPRIETOR, PARTNER, OR CORPORATE OFFICIAL  |           |   |
| 9. NAME (Please print or type)   | 10. TITLE | 11. DATE  |
| <b>INSTRUCTIONS</b><br>Regulations under the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act, the Wool Products Labeling Act, and the Fur Products Labeling Act provide that any USA company that is a manufacturer or marketer of fiber or fur products may, in lieu of the name under which it does business, be identified by its RN on labels required by these statutes.  |           |   |
| In completing this form, please observe the following:   |           |   |
| (a) All blanks must be filled in (except for optional information). Type or legibly print the required information.<br><br>(b) Item 8 must contain the original signature of a responsible company official.   |           | (c) Send or fax one completed, signed copy to:<br>Federal Trade Commission<br>Division of Enforcement<br>600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW<br>Washington, DC 20580<br><br>Fax Number: (202) 326-3197<br><br>RNs are subject to cancellation if the holder fails to promptly submit an updated FTC Form 31 upon any change(s) in its legal name (box #2), type of company information (box #4), or business address (box #5). |
| FTC Form 31 (rev. 11/98) <span style="float: right;">8</span>  |           |   |

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